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MEMORANDUM

To: State Weights and Measures Directors and Other Interested Parties

From: Dr. Douglas Olson
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Subject: Notice Concerning the 2021 Edition of NIST Handbooks

The NIST Office of Weights and Measures does not currently plan to publish 2021 Editions of the NIST Handbooks listed below. The 2020 Editions of these NIST Handbooks shall continue in effect and shall be accepted for use until NIST publishes new editions. If the status of the NIST Handbooks changes, such as a publication during the 2021 calendar year, interested parties will receive an updated notification. Future editions of these NIST Handbooks will supersede those listed below. This decision was based in part on the April 30, 2020, announcement by the Board of Directors of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) to cancel its 2020 Annual Meeting.

NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2021, the 2020 Editions of the following NIST Handbooks shall continue in effect. They, except insofar as amended or rejected by regulation, shall be used in the enforcement of weights and measures laws and regulations in any jurisdiction which, by incorporation-by-reference in law; regulation; or policy, adopts the latest or most current edition of any of these NIST Handbooks (available free of charge).

- [NIST Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices \(2020\)](#)
- [NIST Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Fuel Quality \(2020\)](#)
- [NIST Handbook 133, Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods \(2020\)](#)

Some jurisdictions automatically adopt the latest or current edition of these NIST Handbooks through incorporation-by-reference by law; regulation; or policy. Other jurisdictions adopt specific editions and do not automatically allow the use of later editions. This notice is not intended to supersede the laws; regulations; or policies of any regulatory agency in regard to the edition of any NIST Handbook it has adopted (e.g., if a state has adopted the 2014 edition of a NIST Handbook in law or regulation it is the 2014 edition that must be used not the 2020 editions listed above).

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